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PROGRAM

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1. POST NOMINATES COL. HOSMAN PEREZ SEPULVEDA (FAMILY NAME PEREZ), UNDER SECRETARY OF MINISTRY DEFENSE FOR CARABINEROS, FOR HIGH-LEVEL EXECUTIVE BRIEFING VISIT TO US UNDER PROGRAM DESCRIBED REFTEL.

2. CHILEAN CARABINEROS IS UNIFORMED NATIONAL CONSTABULARY, RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL POLICE FUNCTIONS EXCEPT CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS, WHICH ARE CARRIED OUT BY CIVIL POLICE ORGAN CALLED "INVESTIGACIONES." DATING FROM SEPTEMBER 1973, CARABINEROS HAVE MAINTAINED ACTIVE NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT UNIT PARALLELING OLDER INVESTIGACIONES UNIT. EMBASSY RECOGNIZES UNDESIRABILITY IN PRINCIPLE OF DUPLICATION OF EFFORT, BUT ESTABLISHMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY WAS UNDERSTANDABLE OUTCOME OF CHILEAN CIRCUMSTANCES AND CARABINERO UNIT HAS DONE VALUABLE WORK. FUTURE OF TWO UNITS IS UNCLEAR, BUT IN SHORT TO MID TERM TWO UNITS WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST AND BOTH ARE
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IMPORTANT TO SUCCESS OF NCAP. TO DATE NO SENIOR CURABINERO

OFFICER HAS BEEN DIRECTLY EXPOSED TO US NARCOTICS ENVIRONMENT AND PROGRAMS. EFFORTS TO WORK WITH CARABINEROS ARE HAMPERED BY LACK OF KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICERS ABOVE OPERATION LEVEL.

3. COL. PEREZ IS FIRST CARABINERO UNDER SEC. INSTITUTION WAS TRANSFERRED INTO MIN DEFENSE IN 1974 AND PEREZ GIVEN VITAL ROLE OF INTEGRATING HIS SERVICE INTO NEW MINISTRY. HE IS DEEPLY INVOLVED IN ADMINISTRATION OF CARABINEROS AND IN RELATIONS OF CARABINEROS WITH MIN DEFENSE AND OTHER ARMED SERVICES. AS UNDER SEC HE CONTRIBUTES IMPORTANTLY TO MANAGEMENT DECISIONS ON FUNCTIONS OF CARABINEROS AND AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY. LEGISLATION ON NARCOTICS MATTERS, WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDER REVISION, IS PROCESSED BY OFFICE OF UNDER SEC AS IT AFFECTS ROLE OF CARABINEROS, WHICH AS NOTED ABOVE IS GOC'S PRINCIPAL POLICE FORCE. DEGREE TO WHICH CARABINEROS FUNCTION IN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT AREA AND FUTURE DECISIONS ON ORGANIZATION OF NARCOTICS EFFORT OF GOC WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY INFLUENCED BY COL. PEREZ, WHO HAS BEEN ASKED BY PRESIDENT PINOCHET TO REMAIN IN PRESENT POSITION FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER FULL YEAR. PEREZ IS DUE FOR PROMOTION TO GENERAL IN NEXT YEAR OR TWO, AND IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO HOLD IMPORTANT AND INFLUENTIAL POSITIONS IN CARABINEROS AND GOC IN COMING YEARS.

4. POST KNOWS PEREZ WELL, AND CONSIDERS HIM INTELLIGENT, OPEN-MINDED OFFICER WHO IS INTERESTED IN AND CONCERNED OVER NARCOTICS PROBLEMS. WITH EXPOSURE TO US OFFICIALS IN NARCOTICS AREA AND BRIEFINGS AVAILABLE IN US, PEREZ WOULD BRING MUCH NEEDED INTEREST AND KNOWLEDGE TO BEAR ON NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT FROM SENIOR LEVEL OF CARABINEROS. PEREZ WILL BE IN POSITION TO RAISE CARABINEROS CONCERN WITH NARCOTICS AND TO INFLUENCE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES, LEGISLATION, TRAINING, ETC.

5. BRIEFING FOR PEREZ SHOULD INCLUDE EXPOSURE IN WASHINGTON NOT ONLY TO DEA FUNCTIONS BUT ALSO TO NARCOTICS-RELATED ACTIVITIES OF REGULAR POLICE, NARCOTICS LEGISLATION, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION FACILITIES, ETC. ADVANTAGE COULD BE TAKEN FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH DEPARTMENT OF STATE OFFICIALS ON MORE GENERAL MATTERS. FOLLOWING WASHINGTON VISIT PEREZ SHOULD BE PROGRAMMED FOR TWO TO THREE WEEKS VISIT TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OTHER PARTS OF US TO OBSERVE NARCOTICS PROGRAMS AND POLICE ACTIVITY AT ALL LEVELS, LEGAL AND COURT SYSTEMS, LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT. SUGGEST CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO EXPOSURE OF PEREZ TO USG OFFICIALS, CONGRESSMEN AND/OR STAFFS, AND ACADEMIC GROUPS. HE IS HIGHLY PRESENTABLE, EDUCATION OFFICER, CAPABLE OF CALM AND RATIONAL DISCUSSION OF CHILEAN SITUATION, SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH, AND MAKES VERY FAVORABLE IMPRESSION ON THOSE WHO MIGHT HAVE OTHER STEREOTYPES IN MIND OF "CHILEAN

POLICE COLONEL."

6. COL. PEREZ COULD TRAVEL IN MARCH, OR AS SECOND PREFERENCE, JUNE. HE WOULD PROBABLY TAKE HIS WIFE WITH HIM AT OWN EXPENSE FOR PART OR ALL OF VISIT.

7. EMBASSY, WITH FULL DEA SANTIAGO CONCURRENCE, BELIEVES COL. PEREZ IS EXCELLENT, WELL-PLACED AND LOGICAL CHOICE FOR EXECUTIVE BRIEFING PROGRAM.

8. REQUEST PROMPT APPROVAL OF NOMINATION AND INFORMATION ON DETAILS OF THIS EXECUTIVE PROGRAM. EMBASSY WILL HAVE OTHER PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS.
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